

Big Bend Pop Warner, Inc.

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August 10, 2005

To:

Parwez, Alam, County Administrator

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From:

Charles McDonald, Chairman

Big Bend Pop Warner, Inc.

Subject:

Request for a Grant in the amount of \$60,000 to Big Bend Pop Warner, Inc.

The Big Bend Pop Warner, Inc. volunteers started this new program to offer tackle football, flag football, and cheerleading to the youth of Leon County in late fall of 2005. Up until that date the only teams to play football in Leon County had to play in a league in Wakulla County. It was felt by the parents of the team members that there should be a league for the teams to participate in the county in which they lived. Also the old league did not cover the entire county and therefore youth from different areas did not even have a team to play on. It took until March of 2006 to get a 501c3 set up to start fund raising for this new league. This meant that we could not start fund raising until this non-profit designation was approved.

Since most organizations give out their donations in January of each year, we missed the opportunity to receive funding this year from many of these firms. This is causing a problem since we are a new organization with increased participation; we have to purchase new equipment and uniforms for the teams and the cheerleaders. Many Pop Warner organizations charge \$275 per child to participate in the league. The board felt that this high of a charge would not allow many of the youth to be able to participate in the game. We therefore reduced the registration fee to \$75 per child so that everyone can play. Even at this amount we have had to go out and get sponsors to pay the fees for some of the children.

With this low fee and the missed opportunity to raise funds, we have not been able to raise the funds needed to purchase the equipment and uniforms needed to have this program. We are therefore requesting the County to give a grant of \$60,000 to Big Bend Pop Warner, Inc. so that we can have a season this year. If we do not receive the funding, we may have to cancel the program for this year. We are continuing to try to raise funds for this year and next so this is a one time request from the league.

We would appreciate a favorable decision for this grant so that we can begin playing games in September 2005. Again we want to thank everyone including the Leon County Parks and Recreation Division for their support the effort to provide an opportunity for many youth to have a fall sport that can participate.

Sincerely

Charles McDonald, Jr.
President Board of Directors



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Big Bend Pop Warner Financial Information

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Registration

Name of Park	# of Players	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
Chaires	125	\$7,309	\$2066
Canopy Oaks	160	\$8,695	\$3305
Ft. Braden	58	\$3,140	\$1210
Miccosukee	58	\$1,545	\$2805
Woodville	50	\$1000	\$2750
TOTAL	*451	\$21,689	\$12,136

Sponsorships

\$5000	-	Falls Chase
\$300	-	Leon Iron & Steel
\$50	-	Culpepper Construction
\$100	-	Fezler & Russell Real Estate, Inc.
\$200	-	Accent nursery, Inc.
\$200	_	Parrish Builders, Inc.
\$500	-	Market Development Services, Inc.
\$500	_	Elliott & Russell Development, Inc.
\$500	-	Pointe North, Inc.

Total Income

\$24,839	Total funds collected for Football and Cheerleading.
\$ 7,350	Total Sponsorship collected
\$32 180	Total Collected*

Jerseys, Pants and Stockings

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\$32,400	\$54 per outfit x 600 outfits
-\$300	Discount
-\$9,628	Deposit
\$22,472	Amount Due

^{*} Current as of 7/31/05

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Other Outstanding Cost

\$8,000	Referees	\$80 per game x 10 games per week x 10 weeks
\$6,000	Insurance	\$300 per team x 20 teams
\$4,000	Cheerleading	\$200 per team x 20 teams
\$50,000	Equipment	\$125 per player x 400 players**
\$68,000	Total Other Outstanding Cost	
\$9,628	Uniform Depos	xit
\$3,000	Carwash Fundraiser ***	
\$12,628	Total Spent	
\$32,189	Total Revenue Collected	
\$12,628	Total Spent	
\$19,561	Total Cash on	Hand
\$90,472	Total Outstanding Cost	
\$19,561	Total Cash on Hand	
\$70,911	Total Funds Needed as of this Date	

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